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Sidewinder™

Hand Vac

Owner's Manual

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Thank you for selecting a HOOVER product.

This cleaner was inspected and packaged carefully before being shipped from the factory. If you should happen to need assistance during assembly or operation,

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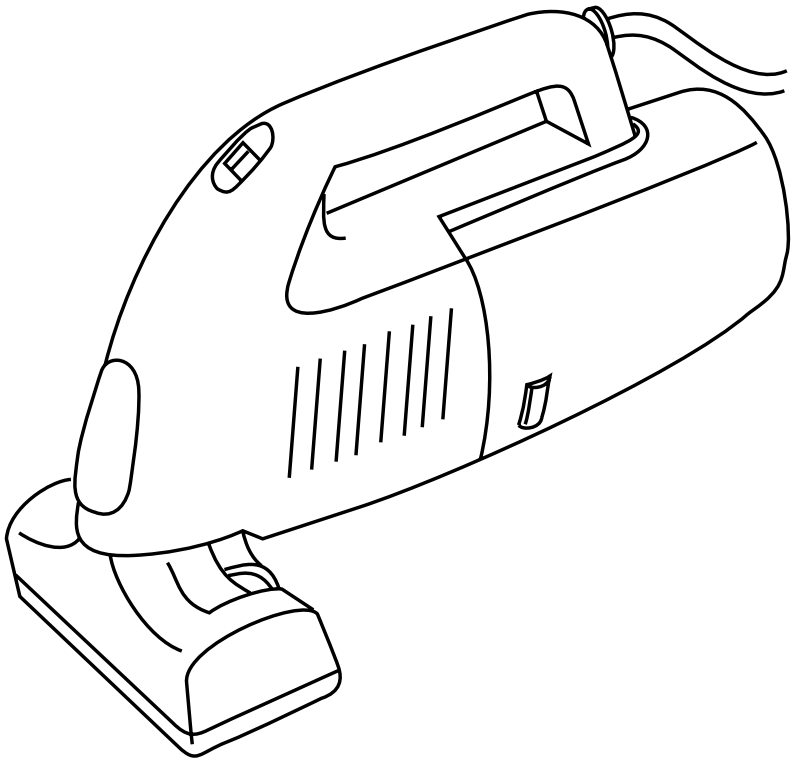

Review this manual before operating cleaner.

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Fill in and retain

The HOOVER vacuum cleaner you have just purchased is a lightweight hand-held cleaner. It is designed for quick cleanups on carpet, rugs or upholstery.

The model and serial number are located on the bottom of the cleaner.

For your personal records, please enter the COMPLETE model and serial number in the spaces provided and retain this information.

Your cleaner is model _____

and has serial number _____

It is suggested that you attach your sales receipt to this owner's manual. Verification of date of purchase may be required for warranty service of your Hoover product.

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Important Safeguards!

When using an electrical appliance, always follow basic precautions, including the following:
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE

Warning: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- **Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.**
- **Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow vacuum cleaner to be used as a toy or to run unattended at any time.**
- **Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, feet and all parts of body away from openings, rotating agitator and other moving parts.**
- **Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.**
- **Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or fine wood sandings or use in areas where they may be present.**
- **Avoid picking up hard, sharp objects with the cleaner. They may damage the cleaner and the bag.**
- **Do not use without dirt cup in place. When picking up very fine materials such as powder, empty dirt cup often.**
- **Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.**
- **Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, or anything that may reduce air flow.**
- **Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close door on cord or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.**
- **Always disconnect cord from electrical outlet before servicing the cleaner.**
- **Unplug cleaner when not in use. Turn off all controls before unplugging.**
- **Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord. Never handle plug or appliance with wet hands.**
- **The use of an extension cord is not recommended.**
- **Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, take it to a Hoover Factory Service Center or Authorized Hoover Warranty Service Dealer (Depot).**
- **Use vacuum cleaner only for its intended use as described in the instructions. Use only attachments recommended by The Hoover Company; others may cause hazards.**

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Questions or Concerns?

The Hoover Company wants to quickly resolve any concerns about your cleaner or questions regarding its use. Look on the list provided with the product for your local **Hoover Factory Service Center** or in the Yellow Pages under "Vacuum Cleaners – Household" for the nearest **Authorized Hoover Warranty Service Dealer** (depot) or:

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1. Cleaner Descriptions

Unpack the cleaner from the carton and identify the parts shown. Remove and dispose of cardboard packing.

1. Bottom plate

2. Multi-purpose nozzle

3. Front cover

4. On/Off switch

5. Handle

6. Dirt cup

7. Dirt cup latch button

8. Nozzle latch

This cleaner is intended for household use.

Operate cleaner only at voltage specified on data plate on bottom of cleaner.

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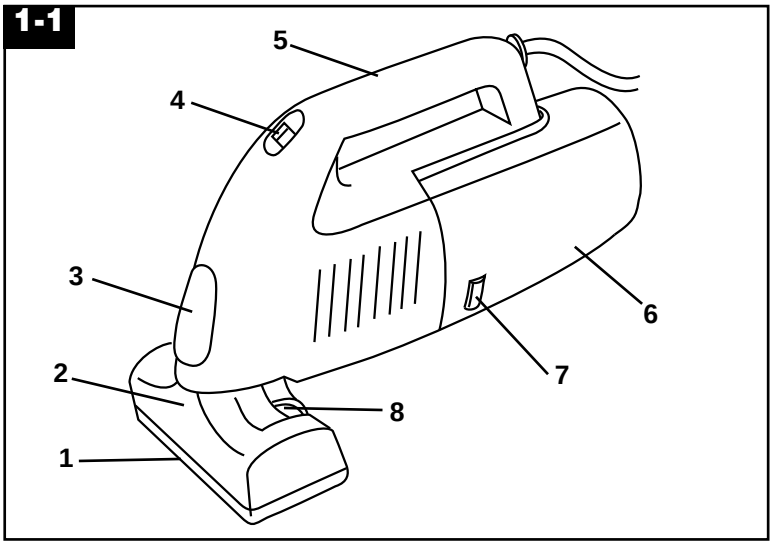

2. How to Use

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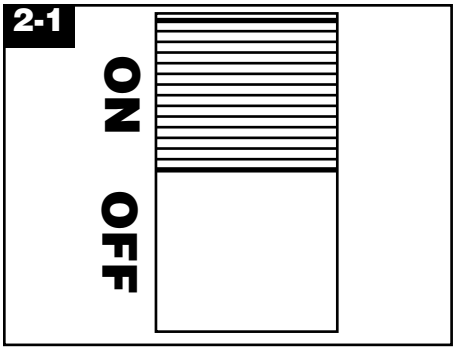

ON/OFF switch

To reduce of risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

Plug cord into electrical outlet. Slide ON/OFF switch back to turn cleaner off.

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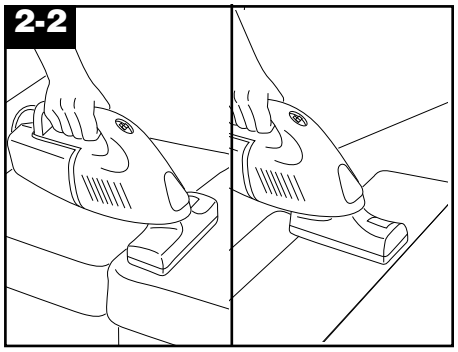

Multi-purpose nozzle

The multi-purpose nozzle has been built into the front of the cleaner. It is designed for use on carpet, rugs, upholstered furniture, mattresses, automobile interiors and carpeted stairs.

The nozzle has a rotating agitator which should be kept away from hair, hands, feet and loose clothing. Keep cleaner away from children.

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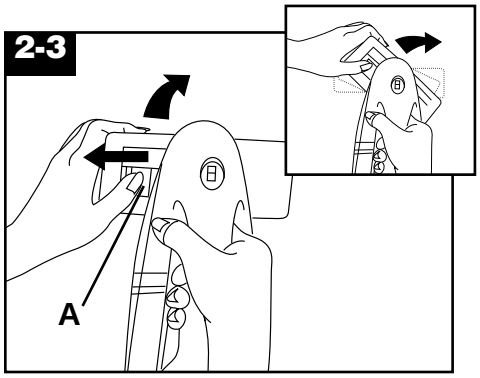

How to rotate nozzle

CAUTION: MOVING PARTS. TURN CLEANER OFF BEFORE ROTATING NOZZLE.

To rotate nozzle either vertically or horizontally, place thumb on latch (A) with finger on front of nozzle.

Press latch toward edge of nozzle and rotate.

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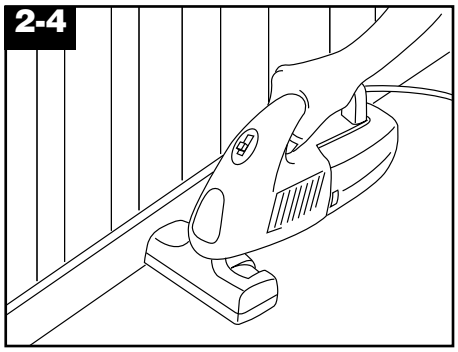


Brushed edge cleaning

Brushed edge cleaning is provided on both sides of the nozzle to remove dust and lint along edges of baseboards and furniture. Guide either side of the nozzle along edge as shown.

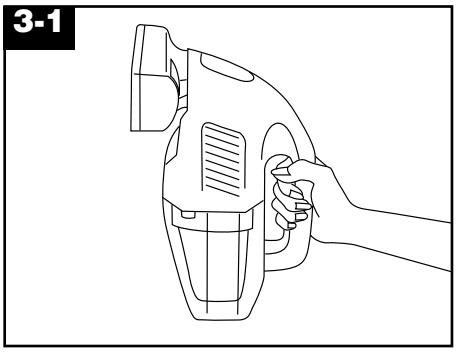
3. Maintenance

Maintenance

Familiarize yourself with the home maintenance tasks presented in the following sections. Keep this owner's manual in a convenient place where you can refer to it when needed. Proper use and care of your cleaner will ensure continued cleaning effectiveness.

The dirt cup

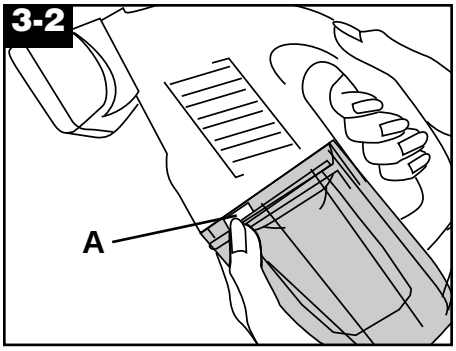
The debris picked up by the cleaner is deposited into the dirt cup. Empty after each use. Before reattaching, the cup may be cleaned with a damp cloth or rinsed with water if necessary. Dry the cup thoroughly before reusing.



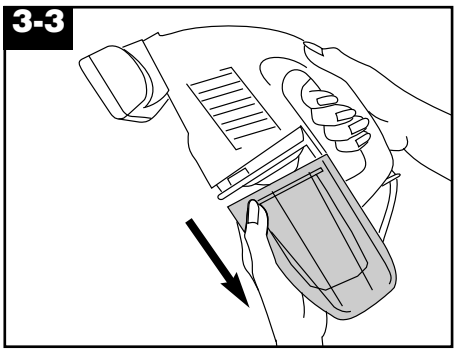
How to empty

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

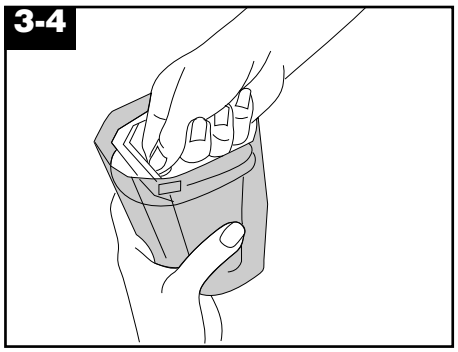
Hold cleaner in a vertical position as shown.



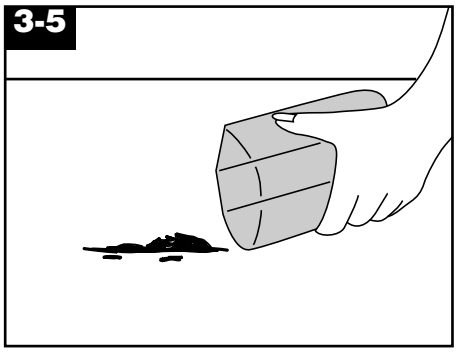
Grasp dirt cup section; depress dirt cup latch (A).



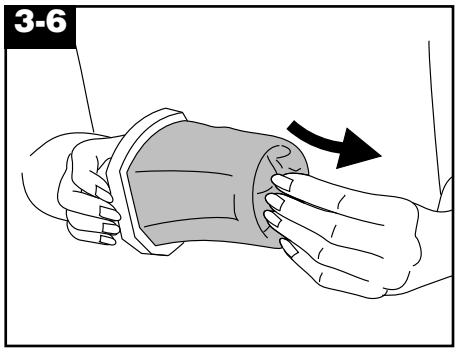
Slide dirt cup off handle section.



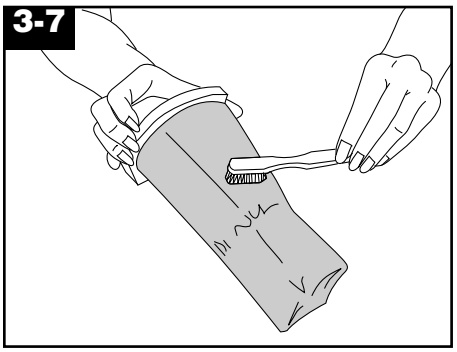
With dirt cup section in hand, grasp extension on filter frame and lift out.



Empty dirt cup.

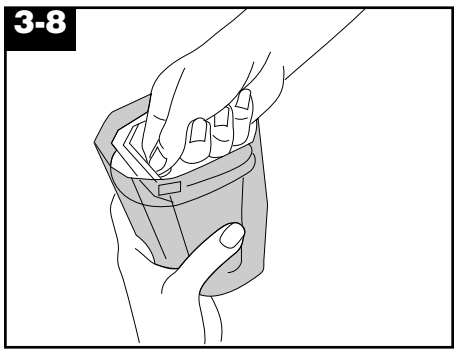


Pull middle section of filter out of filter frame.

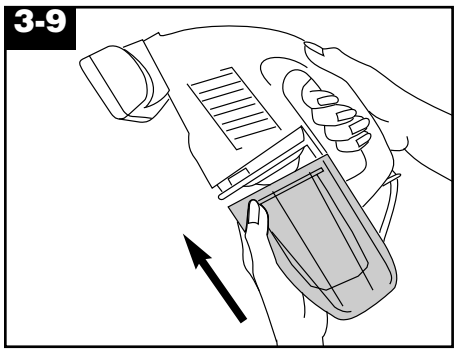


Brush surface of filter to remove any clinging litter.

Push filter back into frame.



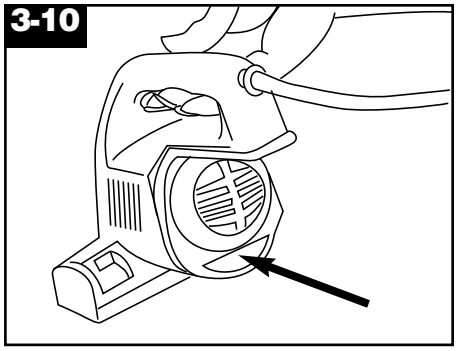
Replace filter, matching rounded flap with rounded side of dirt cup (opposite side that slides onto handle).



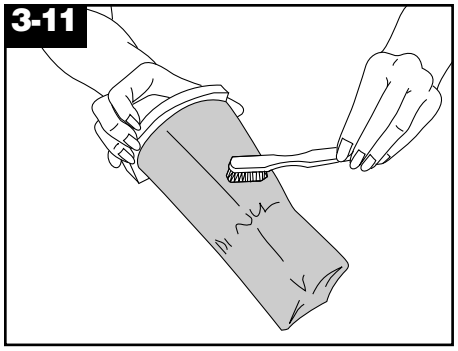
9. Slide dirt cup completely onto handle making sure latch is secure.

Clearing blockages

Removing larger items from carpet and other surfaces before vacuuming will help prevent obstructions in the nozzle or dirt passageway, and maintain the cleaning effectiveness of your cleaner.



To check for obstructions, **first turn cleaner Off and disconnect cord from electrical outlet.** Remove dirt cup; remove any obstruction from dirt passageway. The bottom plate may be removed if there is an obstruction in the nozzle. See “The Belt” section.



Reusable filter

How to clean

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

The filter protects the motor from dirt particles. Brush dirt from filter when emptying dirt cup. If a significant reduction in pick up is observed, the filter may be washed in warm water. Filter must be completely dry before replacing it in cleaner. Do not use cleaner without filter in place. Avoid picking up oily debris that may damage filter.

The belt

The belt in your cleaner drives the agitator. It has been designed specifically for use in this cleaner and is important for effective operation.

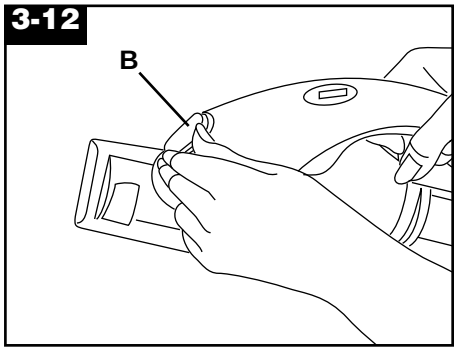
What to buy

When purchasing a new belt, ask for Hoover part **No. 38528032.**

How to replace

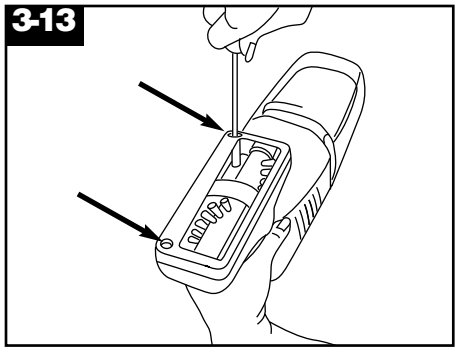
Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

The belt is located behind the front cover of your cleaner and should be checked from time to time. Replace the belt if it is stretched or broken.



To check belt, rotate nozzle to vertical position.

Lift off front cover (B).



Remove the two bottom plate screws.

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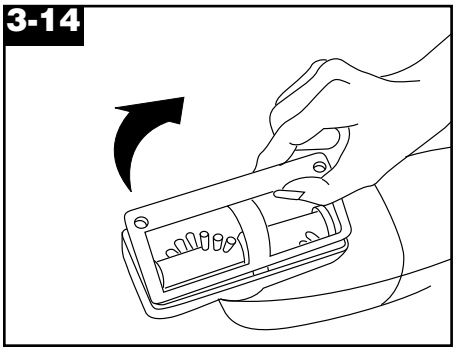

Pivot off bottom plate making sure to unhook center tab on inside edge of nozzle (opposite edge with screws).

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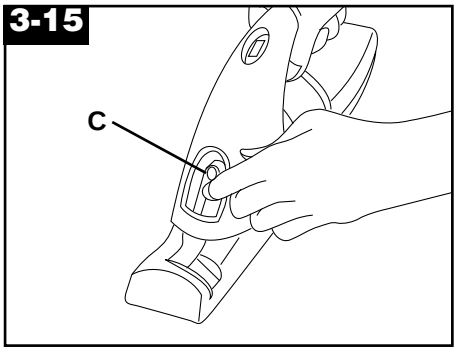

If belt (C) is stretched, remove it from the motor pulley.

Remove agitator and belt from nozzle.

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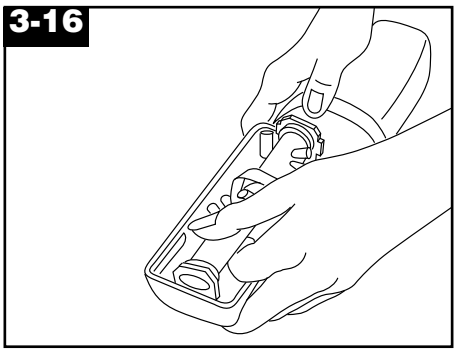

Put new belt on agitator.

Position agitator in nozzle orienting agitator end caps with slots on both sides of nozzle. End cap with side projections (Fig. 3-17, D) fits into slot opposite the end with nozzle latch (Fig. 3-17, E).

The agitator end caps may fall off during belt replacement. For correct orientation of end caps onto agitator, see "How to replace Agitator Brush."

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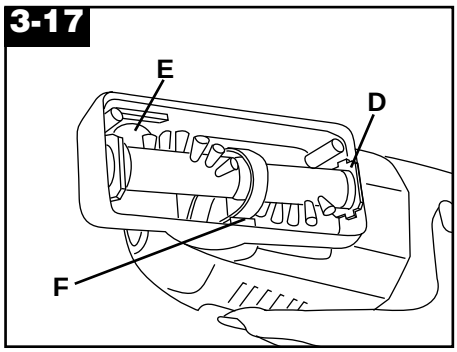

The belt should line up with tab (F) on inside of nozzle.

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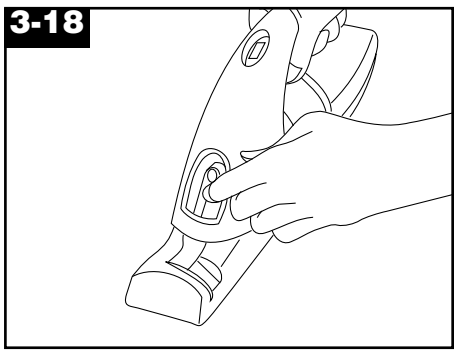

Attach belt to motor pulley.
Replace bottom plate by first hooking it to center tab on inside of nozzle.

Reposition screws and front cover.

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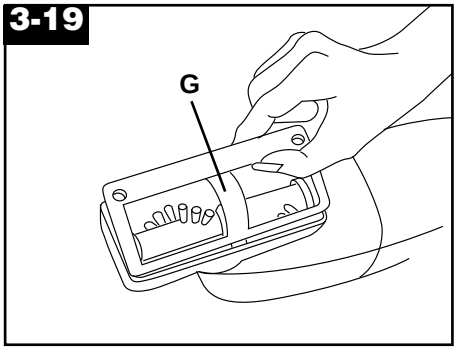

Make sure "bridge" (G) across bottom plate opening covers belt. If belt is not covered, agitator is not correctly oriented in nozzle.

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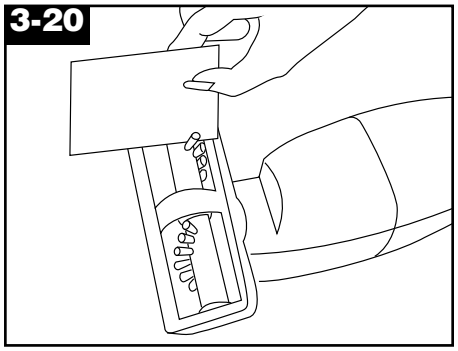

Agitator brush

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

To check condition of agitator brushes, move the edge of a card across agitator opening. Rotate agitator by hand. If brushes do not touch edge of card, replace the agitator.

What to buy

When replacing the agitator, ask for HOOVER agitator complete with end caps, part **No. 59139205.**

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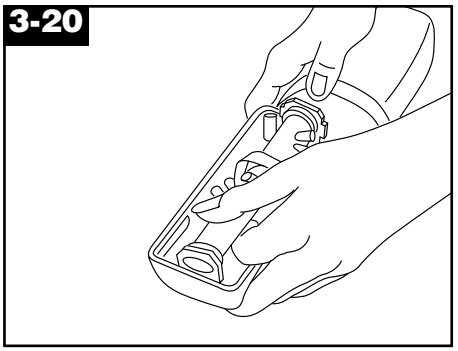

How to replace

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

Remove bottom plate, agitator and belt following directions for "How to replace belt."

Discard old agitator and end caps.

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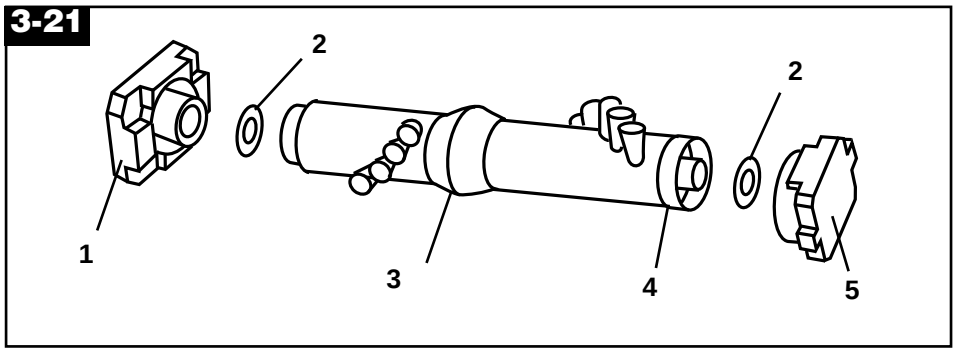

1 = End cap without side projections

2 = Fiber washer

3 = Agitator crown for belt

4 = Large end

5 = End cap with side projections

If the end caps should fall off the agitator, they are different from each other and need to be properly oriented as shown. **End caps should fit tightly on agitator.**

Position agitator in nozzle and replace bottom plate, screws and front cover following directions for "How to replace belt."

4. If you have a problem

If a minor problem develops, it usually can be solved quite easily when the cause is identified by using the check list below.

Problem: Cleaner won't run

Possible cause
Possible solution

- **Not firmly plugged in.**
- *Plug in firmly.*
- **No voltage in wall plug.**
- *Check fuse or breaker.*
- **Blown fuse/tripped breaker**.
- *Replace fuse/reset breaker.*

Problem: Cleaner won't pick up

Possible cause
Possible solution

- **Dirt cup full.**
- *Empty dirt cup.*
- **Nozzle, dirt passageway clogged.**
- *Remove obstruction.*
- **Filter clogged.**
- *Empty dirt cup and clean filter.*
- **Agitator brushes worn.**
- *Repalce agitator.*
- **Broken or worn belt.**
- *Replace belt.*

Problem: Dirt falling from cleaner

Possible cause
Possible solution

- **Flap on filter clogged or damaged.**
- *Remove obstruction; replace filter if necessary*

Lubrication

The motor and agitator bearings are permanently lubricated. The addition of lubricant could cause damage. **Therefore, do not lubricate the cleaner.**

Service

To obtain approved HOOVER service and genuine HOOVER parts, locate the nearest **Hoover Factory Service Center or Authorized Hoover Warranty Service dealer (depot)** by:

- checking the Yellow Pages under "Vacuum Cleaners – Household"
  OR–
- checking the list of Factory Service Centers provided with this cleaner
  OR–
- checking the Service section of The Hoover Company on-line at **www.hoover.com**
  OR–
- calling 1-800-944-9200 for an automated referral of authorized service outlet locations (U.S. only).

Do not send your cleaner to the Hoover Company in North Canton for service, this will only result in a delay.

If further assistance is needed, contact The Hoover Company Consumer Response Center, North Canton, Ohio 44720, Phone: 330-499-9499.

In Canada, contact Hoover Canada, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A8, Phone: 1-800-263-6376.

Always identify your cleaner by the **complete** model number when requesting information or ordering parts. (The model number appears on the bottom of the cleaner.)